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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 28 February 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,2,5,6,8,15,17-19 and 23-28.

Identification of prior art discussed: Vollert, sato, Zarvell, Petsko, Mullaly et al, Bloom.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed art and 112 second paragraph rejections. Examiners agreed to withdraw the 112 second paragraph rejections. Examiner Chan mentioned that it appears the 6239888 patent lacks support for "SONET ring".